

POLITICAL HOROSCOPE

Bryan is Confident of Several Middle States Indiana Thought To Be Safe.

A special from Lincoln, Neb., says that New York is the only state east of the Appalachian mountains considered doubtful by Mr. Bryan and the democratic leaders. Mr. Bryan has not said so for publication, but the program for the campaign which he will offer in person to the sub-committee of eleven in Chicago, next week will mark plainly the middle west and the Pacific coast as the prescribed fields for the third battle.

It is believed New York will go into the democratic column in November, and every available bit of strength and political strategy from the democratic forces will be hurled into the Mississippi Valley.

There was a conference of national committeemen of acknowledged astuteness coming over on the special train from Denver to Lincoln. The result submitted to Mr. Bryan was found to coincide with his views. The conferees claimed the solid south for democracy, added Oklahoma's seven new electoral votes, the thirteen from Indiana and three from Nevada, and agreed that Bryan and Kern will not receive fewer than 184 electoral votes as a result of the November election.

They set down as certain for Taft and Sherman every eastern state, except New York. New England was conceded in a solid block, and to this showing they gave Michigan and Minnesota from the central west, dropped Utah, Wyoming and Idaho into the republican basket, and waived Oregon and Washington for good measure.

A Bitter Campaign

Here is what they marked out for the bitter campaign of the next three months: California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

THE TOWER OF BABEL PUT TO FLIGHT

A New York letter says that plans have been drawn for a thousand-foot tower as the striking feature of an enormous office pile to replace the Mills building on Broadway.

The proposed structure would overtop the Eiffel tower, whose skeleton frame reaches 980 feet skyward; would overtop the 909-foot tower planned for the new Equitable building, would rise 300 feet higher than the Metropolitan building, and would look down on the 612-foot Singer building.

The plans for this tallest building ever conceived are in the preliminary sketch stage.

That the sketches for the gigantic tower have been made was admitted today at the offices of Ernest Flagg, the architect of the Singer tower. His chief engineer said that no contract had been made, as the project was yet in the preliminary stages, the details being in process of development. As soon as Mr. Flagg returned from Europe, he said, definite action would be taken.

It is said that it would take at least a year to remove the present Mills building and get the work of laying the foundations under way.

The plans now in process of development contemplate a tower with a maximum of office room on each floor, so that the building would be phenomenal, not only in height, but in capacity and in consequent earning power.

The cost of the structure has been estimated at \$7,000,000, but may exceed that sum.

The 1000-foot tower would be visible far out at sea and would be a conspicuous landmark by day and a beacon by night. Allowing for the curvature of the earth, the tower could be seen from the deck of an ocean liner over 100 miles east of Sandy Hook.

The area of the new tower at the base would be 100x50 feet. The Singer tower is 65 feet square, the Metropolitan, 75x90.

OVER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

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This electoral table, compiled by three representative national committeemen, is accepted as the framework upon which the democratic campaign will be woven:

Sure Democratic

Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 9; Florida, 5; Georgia, 13; Indiana, 15; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 9; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 18; Nevada, 3; North Carolina, 12; Oklahoma, 7; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 18; Virginia, 12. Total, 184.

Sure Republican

Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Idaho, 3; Maine, 5; Massachusetts, 16; Michigan, 14; Minnesota, 11; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 12; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 34; Rhode Island, 4; Utah, 3; Vermont, 4; Washington, 5; West Virginia, 7; Wyoming, 3. Total, 149.

Doubtful

California, 10; Colorado, 5; Illinois, 27; Iowa, 13; Kansas, 10; Montana, 3; Nebraska, 5; New York, 39; North Dakota, 4; Ohio, 23; South Dakota, 4; Wisconsin, 13. Total, 159.

California is placed in the doubtful list because of the Asiatic exclusion plank of the Denver platform. Illinois is there because Gompers and John Mitchell are expected to bring the labor vote into the Bryan camp, especially in view of the republican factional fight.

Wisconsin is there because the Denver platform represents nearly everything which the Wisconsin delegation, through Senator LaFollette sought, and lost in the Chicago convention. Colorado is conceded fighting ground, and Nebraska already is in the throes of one of its most bitter political struggles. Ohio is held to be doubtful, but admittedly with the odds favoring the republicans. Montana and the Dakotas look hopeful to the democrats.

JUDGE LANDIS IS TURNED DOWN

In a lengthy opinion handed down by the court of appeals on July 22, the case of the government vs. the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, in which Judge Landis, in district court, had imposed a fine of \$29,000,000, the government forces will continue the legal battle, as the case has been remanded. The government has thirty days in which to file a petition for rehearing.

Judge Grosscup's opinion leaves little of contention. Each carload at the six cent rate constituted a separate offense. The fine should have been based on settlements between the two companies, and of these there are just thirty-five. The maximum fine on this basis would amount to \$720,000, and the minimum is \$36,000.

In the event a hearing is denied, the government may try on the original indictment containing 1462 counts. There are seven other indictments containing 4422 counts. It is unlikely that a new case will be instituted.

The portion of the decision epitomizing the attitude of the court, says: "Counsel for the government, concluding their brief, say the Elkin act was passed because the peace of society and the welfare of the people demanded it; that railroad equality means business ruin to all except those powerful enough to make themselves beneficiary."

The court affirms this but says the interstate act is important but that the law is not the only law under which we live. We live under the guaranty planted in the constitution that no one would be punished until he has been heard. Once let it come to pass under the stress of enforcing equality there will be no commerce to safeguard.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AND OTHER SOCIALS

Our Christian workers, young in years or at heart, are having good times this summer, and they have them without dancing or card parties if given by zealous members of Christian Endeavor, Epworth League or Baptist Union societies. We note several of these happy occasions, and will be glad to hear of other such festivities to report later. Some of the following socials are not by Endeavorers, but we know they will be willing to exchange ideas with our young people.

The Ocala Banner tells of a party given recently in Ocala by Miss Mary Burford for her college friend, Miss Alta Pearson. Something worth special mention was "a tangle party." Strings had been wound all over the house, up stairs and in the yard. Each young gentleman had a pretty young girl for a partner and unwound the string and at the end was their fortune, written in poetry.

Beginning next with our most northern city Endeavorers during May the workers of the First Congregational church of Jacksonville planned "A Tour of the World" social, given in the parlor of their church. The tour, an unusually inexpensive one, was taken over the "Fun and Frolic Railroad and Steamship Company, Limited." A round trip ticket cost only 10 cents, and penny lunches were sold at any station along the line. The advertisement from which we are noting was in the Times-Union.

Mrs. Frank Rodgers of the Congregational society is a leader in many bright plans for having both fun and knowledge from their socials. In June the Union society of North Gainesville held an ice cream and cake social on a very stormy evening. The young people were not dismayed by foul weather, turned out in goodly numbers, and besides much fun they had \$5 clear as a reminder of a pleasant evening.

Miss Bessie Lyon, a worker in the Young People's Society in Interlachen, has a nineteenth birthday in June, and to celebrate the anniversary nineteen Juniors were invited to spend the afternoon playing games on piazza and lawn. The dining room was beautifully decorated and a dainty lunch prepared. The souvenirs were tiny dolls for the little misses and toy cannons for the little boys. The Junior Endeavor superintendent was a specially invited guest.

A unique hat social and lawn party were combined by the Endeavorers of Stuart, into a royal good time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Richard. The grounds were well lighted and chairs were placed here and there for the comfort of the guests. Hats of all descriptions were to be seen. Mr. A. T. Hagorth's immense Merry Widow hat won the prize for the largest. Edward Richards captured the prize for the smallest, the hat being made of a part of a steel rivet, which was barely visible when worn. Miss Kitching won the prize for the oddest hat, it being trimmed with a small bell, tiny hats and other things. There was delightful music, delicious refreshments and an unanimous vote that the social was a success. About seventy persons took part in the grand march.

We notice in the Lakeland News an account of an Epworth League social recently held in Lakeland and has some good ideas for us. There was a "yes" and "no" contest. A certain number of beans were given each guest upon arrival, whereupon everybody got busy asking everybody else a question. The one who answered a question with "yes" or "no" had to forfeit a bean. The one which at the close of a certain number of minutes had the most beans won a prize, which was a lovely bouquet of roses. There was also a booby prize. In another contest there was great merriment, for in it the young men had a sewing bee, and the young ladies competed to see which could write the best poetry. The young men found it required much assistance from the young ladies in order to make good seamstresses. There was a prize for the best poem and another for the most efficient sewer.

There were two surprise parties in June that were sure enough surprises. Mrs. C. H. Newell of Eustis was remembered by a number of friends on her birthday, who brought refreshments with them. Miss Mary Johnson, in St. Petersburg, when on the eve of her departure for a summer vacation farther north, was surprised by a host of Congregational Endeavorers who spent a most enjoyable evening with her.

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RECEPTION GIVEN TO GENERAL GILCHRIST

Governor-Elect the Guest of Honor at a Most Brilliant Social Event

The reception tendered General Gilchrist by the Married Ladies' Club Friday night was a brilliant social success. Including members of the club, the attendance comprised over a hundred and twenty-five persons, young and old, ladies and gentlemen.

The reception was held at the residence of the president of the club, Mrs. Mary L. Sandlin. The spacious halls and parlors were artistically decorated with palms and the national colors, while the broad verandas were gay with Japanese lanterns.

The invited guests were prompt in assembling, and as they entered they were cordially received by Mrs. Sandlin, club president, and General Gilchrist, who occupied a convenient position at the intersection of two halls. In a little while after the hour set for the beginning of the reception, halls, parlors and verandas were comfortably filled and social enjoyment reigned.

All the ladies, including a bevy of "sweet sixteens," were bewitchingly costumed; indeed, some of the gowns worn were strikingly handsome, being pronounced by feminine admirers as "dreams of loveliness." A description of all the beautiful dresses shown would require the artistic knowledge of a very skilled modiste; hence, cannot be attempted by this reporter.

Music was a charming feature of the occasion. Among the contributions of this nature greatly enjoyed were a piano solo by Mrs. D. McQueen, another by Mrs. Cora Sutherland of Wauchula, two violin solos by Henry Goldstein with piano accompaniment by Mrs. McQueen, and a waltz, "King of Blyss," by Harry Goldstein, violin, Norman C. Hewitt, cornet, and Mrs. McQueen, piano. All these were rendered with artistic skill and effect and to the delight of all listeners.

Balmy breezes, direct from the bay in front, swept through the rooms, banishing heat and making everyone feel cool and comfortable. The luxurious feeling thus engendered was heightened by the ice-cold grape juice punch, which was served by the club ladies, and pronounced delicious by all.

General Gilchrist, the honoree of this delightful function, was at his best, and seemed as happy as if it were his wedding celebration. To everyone he gave such a cordial greeting as to rejoice again that he will be the next governor of our beloved state. There was nothing of assumption or cold and formal dignity in his manners; on the contrary, he was the personification as he always is, of geniality and complaisance. He repeatedly expressed himself as proud of the honor done him by the ladies.

Mrs. Sandlin, the president of the club, captivated all by the charming manner in which she did the honors of the occasion. In this she was ably and effectively assisted by her sister members, who vied with each other in gracious courtesy to the guests, all of which crowned the occasion as a complete success, the happiest and most brilliant social event in years in Punta Gorda.—Punta Gorda Herald.

AMERICAN RAILROAD TIES IN HONDURAS

A railroad in Honduras which has just been opened to traffic as far as Ceiba, 35 miles, was built with creosoted pine ties from the United States.

The increased value of wood thus preserved is now well recognized by railroad men. The life of a railroad tie may be greatly lengthened and sometimes more than doubled by preservative treatment. In a humid climate like that of Honduras, a pine tie in its natural state would be very quickly destroyed by fungus.

Large railroads of the United States treat with preservatives many, or all, of the new ties put in. One road is said to treat 10,000 a day. The increasing difficulty of procuring new ties, with the advancing prices, compels railroads to make them last as long as possible. It has been estimated that the railroads of the United States demand in a single year the ties growing on a forest strip one mile wide and three thousand miles long.

It is worthy of note that while creosoted pine ties are being shipped from the United States to Honduras, hardwoods are coming to the United States from that country. Americans are doing the shipping both ways. A tract of 8000 acres in Honduras has been secured by an American company which will cut the mahogany and other valuable hardwoods and ship them to the United States.

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